आपूर्ति किए जाने की संभावनाओं का पता लगाने के लिए सरकारी तेल कम्पनियों को सलाह दी है। तेल कम्पनियां श्री के संबंध में अध्ययन कर रही हैं।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) निजी कंपनियां अपने निर्णय स्वयं लेती हैं।

Criteria for appointment of distributors for petroleum products

1666. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some criteria for appointment of distributors for marketing of petrol products like LPG, Kerosene and LDO has been prescribed;

(b) if so, the details thereof with formalities required in this regard;

(c) whether some reservation has been provided for appointment of such distributors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof separately for General, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Unemployed, War Widows and Cooperative Societies categories, productwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) As per existing policy, appointment of dealers/distributors is made through the process of advertisement of locations included in the Marketing Plans, and selection on the basis of interviews by Oil Selection Boards of candidates meeting eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, residence, income and multiple dealership norms. Reservation is provided for the following categories as under:

SC/ST	—	25%
PH	—	7½%
Defence	—	7½%
FF	—	3%
Outstanding Sports persons	—	2%
Open	—	55%

In the 'Open' category, Consumer Cooperative Societies are given preference over Unemployed graduates/Unemployed Engineering graduates and others.

Villages without Post Box

1667. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether post boxes for one lakh villages are proposed to be installed; and

(b) if so, the number of villages without a post box and by when all the villages will have a post box?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The State-wise number of villages without letter boxes is given in the annexed statement (*See* below). The Government's policy is to provide letter boxes in all the villages having a population of 500 or more during the Eight Five Year Plan. There are 63703 such villages without letter box as on 31.03.1995.

Statement

Villages without letter box as on 31.3.1995

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	No. of village without letter boxes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	481 *
2.	Assam	11354
3.	Bihar	47486 *
4.	Delhi	—
5.	Gujarat	352
	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	—
	Daman & Diu	—
6.	Haryana	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	11378
8.	J & K	2920
9.	Karnataka	10376
10.	Kerala	
	Lakshadweep	—
11.	Maharashtra	
	Goa	11584 42
12.	Madhya Pradesh	38241 *
13.	North East	
	Arunachal Pradesh	3104 *
	Manipur	1064 *
	Meghalaya	3968 *
	Mizoram	288 *
	Nagaland	598 *
	Tripura	2274 *

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	No. of village without letter boxes
14.	Orissa	32127 *
15.	Punjab	1676
	Chandigarh	—
16.	Rajasthan	17310
17.	Tamil Nadu	1793
	Pondicherry	62
18.	Uttar Pradesh	51155 *
19.	West Bengal	5011 *
	Sikkim	239 *
	Andaman & Nicobar	27 *
	TOTAL:	254910

* As on 31.3.94

Constructing Buildings for Post and Telegraph Offices

1668. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices as on date working in rented buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh giving the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to contract its own buildings to house the Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Offices in a unified complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The No. of departmental Post Offices functioning in rented buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Postal Circles is 327 and 2596 respectively. Details are given in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(b) At present, there is no scheme to construct unified complexes for Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Offices.

Statement

Details regarding Post Offices functioning in Rented Buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

Postal Circle	Total No. of Departmental Post Offices	Departmental Post Offices Functioning in Departmental Buildings	Departmental Post Offices in Rented Buildings
Delhi	4182	91	327
Uttar Pradesh	2910	314	2596

Payment to Foreign Technicians working in Celullar Services

1669. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment for services of foreign technician deputed by foreign partners of Cellular Licences is considered as royalty;

(b) if so, treatment proposed in respect of payments already effected by existing Licences in view of Government's decision not to allow royalty payments to such Licencees; and

(c) if not, the details of foreign technicians engaged by such Licencees including total mandays, per diem rates and forex outgo for the duration of the licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) RBI has granted general permission for payments to foreign technicians under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) vide their Circular dated 13th September, 1991 as amended from time to time. No record is, therefore, maintained in the Deptt. of Telecom. in this respect.

Investment by Foreign Cellular Licences

1670. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign partners in existing Cellular Licences are permitted to route their approved investments through wholly owned subsidiaries incorporated abroad;

(b) if so, the details of all such investments approved so far including equity structure of the investment company/subsidiary and the incorporation particulars thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the originally approved foreign partners' stake is not clandestinely sold off/transferred through such transactions in violation of the licence terms and conditions?